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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic (Spot Report #24 - 11:25 am EDT)

The situation in the southeastern coastal towns of San Pedro de Macoris and La Romana continues to be calm.

US Government officials who visited these towns yesterday found the sugar mills grinding and the workers on the job. Although no food supplies had arrived in San Pedro since 14 May, a local resident said that the food situation seemed somewhat eased in comparison with the previous week.

La Romana on several occasions has been mentioned as a possible trouble spot and there have been reports that the Marxist-Leninist Dominican Popular Movement was trying to smuggle arms into the area. To date, however, there has been no active agitation.

State Dept. review completed